

- 20 extending from said first panel face and an essentially flat surface  
portion fixedly attached to the distal edge of said extending joining hook  
portion and spaced apart from and parallel to said first panel face thereby  
forming a pocket for receiving a joining clip; and
- c. at least three joining clips for removably joining two said panels, said  
25 joining clips having first and second hooks [slots], each adapted to engage said  
[extending portion of the] joining hooks of adjacent panels [and to occupy  
said pocket]; and
- d. whereby said panels connected by said joining clips define an enclosed  
space for retaining materials therein.
- 30 3. (Amended) The materials retaining berm system of claim 1 further comprising a  
joining clip adapted to join adjacent panels at an angled arrangement,  
where the said joining clip comprises two essentially flat portions each  
[containing a slot] having a hook adapted to engage said joining hooks of adjacent panels,  
said flat portions connected together at an dihedral angles, where said  
35 joining clip is adapted to join adjacent panels at a angle.
6. (Amended) The materials retaining berm system of claim 1 further comprising a  
joining clip adapted to join adjacent panels in approximately co-linear  
arrangement, where the said joining clip is essentially flat, and having  
two [slots] hooks adapted to engage said joining hooks of adjacent panels.

- 40 11. (Amended) A materials retaining berm system comprising:
- a. at least three elongated panels each having a top edge, bottom edge, first and second faces, first and second ends, and first and second joining hooks located on the first face at said first and second ends; and
  - b. said joining hooks further comprising a portion fixedly attached to and  
45 extending from said first panel face and an essentially flat surface portion fixedly attached to the distal edge of said extending joining hook portion and spaced apart from and parallel to said first panel face thereby forming a pocket for receiving a joining clip; and
  - c. at least three joining clips for removably joining two said panels  
50 thereby forming a corner of said retaining berm, said joining clips having two essentially flat portions fixedly connected to form a dihedral angle, and first and second [slots] hooks near the distal edges of said flat portions each adapted to engage said [extending portion of the] joining hooks of adjacent panels and where the joining clips are restrained by said pockets; and
  - d. a flexible liner comprising a least one flexible sheet folded to  
55 essentially conform to the shape of said enclosed space, said liner being attached to said upper edges of each panel by at least one elastic clip, where said attachment extends substantially along the entire upper edge of said panel; and
  - e. whereby said panels connected by said joining clips define an enclosed  
60 space having a bottom and side wall liner for retaining materials therein.

14. (Amended) The materials retaining berm system of claim 11 further comprising a joining clip adapted to join adjacent panels in approximately co-linear arrangement, where the said joining clip is essentially flat, and having  
65 two [slots] hooks adapted to engage said joining hooks of adjacent panels.

19. (Amended) A materials retaining berm system comprising:

a. at least three elongated panels each having a top edge, bottom edge, first and second faces, first and second ends, and first and second joining hooks located on the first face at said first and second ends, and at least  
70 one support attaching means on the first face between said first and second joining hooks for removably attaching a support bracket adapted to resist overturning and sliding of said panel; and

b. said joining hooks further comprising a portion fixedly attached to and extending from said first panel face and an essentially flat surface  
75 portion fixedly attached to the distal edge of said extending joining hook portion and spaced apart from and parallel to said first panel face thereby forming a pocket for receiving a joining clip; and

c. at least three joining clips for removably joining two said panels thereby forming a corner of said retaining berm, said joining clips having  
80 two essentially flat portions fixedly connected to form a dihedral angle, and first and second [slots] hooks near the distal edges of said flat portions, each adapted to engage said [extending portion of the] joining hooks of

adjacent panels and where the joining clips are restrained by said pockets;  
and

85 d. a flexible liner comprising a least one flexible sheet folded to conform essentially to the shape of said enclosed space, said liner being attached to said upper edges of each panel by at least one elastic clip, where said attachment extends substantially along the entire upper edge of said panel;  
and

90 e. said support attaching means further comprising two opposing hook having essentially flat portions spaced apart from and parallel to said first panel face thereby defining a T shaped keyway adapted for receiving a cooperating T shaped portion of a support bracket; and

f. at least one support means to resist overturning and sliding forces,  
95 said support means comprising a gusset portion having at least three edges, first and second essentially flat portions fixedly attached to each of two adjacent edges where the first flat portion in cooperation with the gusset comprises a T shaped means adapted to cooperate with said T shaped keyway for removably attaching the support means to the said elongated panel, and  
100 where the second flat portion in cooperation with the gusset comprises a foot for supporting the said overturning and sliding forces; and

g. whereby said panels connected by said joining clips define an enclosed space having a liner for retaining materials therein and support means to resist forces tending to overturn, bend, or slide the panels.